occasion when a good number of interpellations and resolutions was received at a late hour and there was hardly time to pay sufficient attention to them. So far as this session is concerned, there is this satisfactory feature, viz., those interpellations and resolutions that do not come up for this meeting will not lapse, as there would be an adjournment of the meeting to a subsequent date and a further adjournment as well before this legislative session is brought to a close.

We have tabled in all, for this meeting, four Government bills and four private bills and, though some of them can easily be got through as they are not of a contentious nature, a few are likely to be seriously contested as they involve questions of great principle.

With these preliminary observations, I declare that the meeting be formally opened.

Before we proceed to the consideration of the items of business mentioned in the Agenda, it is our paramount duty in our capacity as the representatives of the people of Cochin to submit our profound and heart-felt sympathy to the King-Emperor and the Members of the Royal Family on the demise of the Queen Mother, the universally respected and beloved Queen Alexandra, whose loss has given rise to an unparalleled mourning by all classes of His Majesty's subjects throughout the British Empire and outside. A resolution to this effect is to be moved in this House by the Diwan Peishkar, Rao Sahib T.V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, and seconded by the Deputy President, Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon. I will now request the Diwan Peishkar to move this resolution of condolence standing in his name.

## Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra.

**RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.**

*Mr. President,*

Before we commence the regular business of the day, I rise with your permission, Sir, to perform the solemn duty of moving the following Resolution :—

"This Council desires to express, with due respect, its deep sorrow at the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra and its sincere sympathy with His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor and the Royal Family in the great loss sustained by them".

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No speech is necessary to commend this Resolution for the acceptance of the House. A mother is a mother, and Her late Majesty the Queen-Mother lived the life of a mother of a whole nation, the biggest in the world. From the tributes paid to the memory of Her late Majesty from all parts of the world during the last two weeks, we see that Her life was one of great sacrifice at the altar of suffering humanity. It is but appropriate that this Council, composed as it is of the representatives of all classes of the subjects of His Highness our Beloved and Gracious Maharaja, who is second to none in His staunch attachment to the British throne and loyalty to the person of His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor, should avail itself of this earliest opportunity to express its deep sorrow at the great loss sustained by not only His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor and the Royal Family, but also by millions of His Majesty's subjects throughout the whole Empire where the sun never sets.

**Mr. V. K. KOCHUNNI MENON.**

Sir, I beg to second this resolution. I do not think it is necessary for me to make any speech in support of this resolution. Her Majesty was a great Queen who had at heart the interest of our beloved country. She was also a devoted Mother. The loss of such a personage is irreparable, not only to the Royal House, but to all throughout the British Empire. I second this resolution.

**President.**—The resolution has been seconded by Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon. The Members of this House will unanimously pass this resolution; and I request that the resolution may be carried by all the Members standing.

The resolution was passed, the President and all the Members standing.

**President.**—We will now proceed to the regular business of this meeting:—First, questions and answers.

## Questions and Answers.

### The right to put additional supplementary questions.

**Dr. A. G. MENON.**

Sir, I rise to a point of order. In the last Session, I had pointed out that our rules allowed the questioner to ask more than one supplementary question. 'A' was treated as meaning one, and no ruling was given from the Chair as to whether

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